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RESISTANCE CURVE FORM MULTIPLE
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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 (37 CFR 1.97(b)(4)).

A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

Applicant calls the cited references to the attention of the examiner as having been cited in previously co pending, now abandoned US patent application Serial No. 10/076,216. US 4,375,290 is understood to disclose a mechanism for air-sealing engagement between a circuit board and the chassis in which it is received. See Element 70 of Figure 7 and the accompanying

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text, e.g., beginning at column 4, line 67. US 4,795,354 is understood to disclose a dust cover for a zero-force (ZF) connector employing an elastomeric sealing material. See elements 36, 68 of Figure 1 and the accompanying text, e.g., column 2, lines 23, et seq. The remaining patents are understood to generally pertain circuit board and/or sealing technologies.

Though the Examiner is understood already to be aware of this, his attention is directed to commonly assigned US patent applications (and patents) USSN 10/076,125 (now, patent US 6,683,787), USSN 10/076,032 (now, patent US 6,697,255), USSN 10/076,226, USSN 10/076,133 (now, patent US 6,661,657), USSN 10/076,123 (now, patent US 6,690,575), USSN 10/076,124, and USSN 10/076,216, all of which are directed to inventions supported by a common disclosure herewith.

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